

A BRIEF HISTORY OF JAMES M. BESENDORFER

James M. Besenodrfer was born in Heber City, Utah on September 18, 1953 to J. Moroni and Karma Rasband Besendorfer.

He attended school at Central Elementary, Wasatch Jr. High and Wasatch High in Heber City, graduating in 1971 as Validictorian of his class,

James set his goal to become a doctor early in life. After enrolling at the BYU, he made the most of his ability and time graduating Cum Laude from that University in 1978. He was accepted to the University of Utah Medical School in 1977 graduating from that University in 1981.

Des Moines, Iowa was his home, along with his wife Lila, for the next three years. It was here he completed his internship and residency in Family Practice at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital.

Religion has been an important influence in James' life. He has always been an active member of the Church of Jesus christ of Latter Day Saints. He served a mission to the Mavajo people in Arizona and New Mexico from 1972 to 1974. James is currently serving as a member of the High Council in the Nephi North Stake, Nephi, Utah.

On March 18, 1980, James married the former Lila Stringham of Ashton, Idaho. The Salt Lake Temple was the setting for their eternal marriage. Lila attended school at Ricks College and the Brigham Young University. After graduation Lila taught school for six years with a brief interlude of two years to serve an LDS Mission to Hong Kong, china. Lila has always been supportive and helpful to James. He often says that she is one of the best things that has happened to him.

The out of doors has always been one of James' great pleasures. He

spends as much time as possible playing tennis, swimming, skiig, hunting, and fishing. Camping and gardening are two activities the whole family participates in and enjoys together.

James and Lila have been blessed with four lovely children; JaNæ Ann, born in Des Moines, Iowa; Steven, Scott, and Jason all born in Nephi. Utah.

James has built a home in Nephi, Utah where he and his family now reside, and where James is affiliated with the Central Valley Medical Center as an MD in Family Practice.

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